

determining whether to read the manufacturer information item if the manufacturer code matches a code relating to the manufacturer of the reproducing apparatus and the product code matches a code relating to the product model of the reproducing apparatus.

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36. (NEW) The reproduction method of claim 35, wherein the recording medium has time information indicating a time when the manufacturer information item is recorded on the recording medium, the reproduction method further comprising:

reading the time information and processing the read time information.

37. (NEW) The reproduction method of claim 34, wherein the recording medium has a search pointer indicating a starting address of the manufacturer information item, the reproduction method further comprising:

reading the search pointer and then reading the manufacturer information item at the starting address thereof.

38. (NEW) The reproduction method of claim 31, further comprising:
determining whether the read manufacturer identification code matches a code of a current reproducing apparatus relating to a manufacturer of the reproducing apparatus;
reading the content for reproduction if there is a match for reproduction of the content;
reading the content if there is not the match for analyzing the content; and
reproducing the content if there is the match or if the analysis indicates the content is reproducible by a current reproducing.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended to improve form and provide improved correlation with the drawings and claims. Claims 11-38 are pending,

claims 1-10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 15-38 have been newly added. No new matter is presented in this Preliminary Amendment.

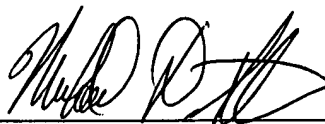
In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our deposit account number 19-3935.

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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